Subject: Rubbings of Baltimore store cards

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Edward Groh

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1811 NOSHER STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 14, 64

Mr. Howland Wood: 92 Pearl - Boston

Dear Sir: I acknowledge receipt of yours of 7th inst, also the copies of the Journal of Numismatics, ~~for~~ which please accept my thanks.

Your paper on the Sutlers' Checks was of much interest to me, although I do not collect these, unless they are in some way related to Baltimore. The one of which I sent you a reverse impression in my last letter does not appear in your list, and so I send you an impression of the obverse:

Brass and thin.

Another one I do not find in the list

is that of Charles Stevens. (Wright's List No. 1051) Stevens was a Baltimorean, and appears in the directories 1864-66 as a sutler at two different addresses. I do not own one of these.

F. Simmonds (Your No. 87) was also a Baltimorean, according to the directories 1864-66, which give "Florian Simmonds, sutler's supplies, 130 N. Lombard St."

I do not know that this information will interest you or be of any value, but I have the data and so give it to you.

The list of Baltimore cards quoted from Woodward's 67th sale contains two pieces new to me - those of S. S. Barnes & Co. and the Official Seal of the U. S. Legation at London. The rubber card of Fosdick, Mitchel & Hild is also new. I have two varieties of Seegers' card in brass.

I have good reason to believe that the card of C. H. & S. H. Gerkie, which is mentioned in Woodward's 67th Sale, never existed. I have

had some correspondence with Dr. Wright ~~re~~ about this card, which he has long been anxious to get. He refers to it in his list (No. 367) and gives an illustration of the card of Chas. W. Geekie. About 3 months ago he asked me to buy and learn something of the Geekies. I found that Chas. W. had conducted a restaurant at 123 W. Baltimore St. from 1861 to 1876. C. H & S. W. were supposed to be sons of Chas. W., and to have succeeded their father in the business. He had two sons, but they were Chas. W. and Fredk S., and they did not become his successors until his death, in 1892, and then the business was at another location.

Dr. Wright's theory is that Woodward failed to read the card properly and mistook

CHAS. W. GEEKIE for
C.H. & S. W. GEEKIE

A wrong impression seems to exist, also, as to the card of Chas. W. Geekie. Dr. Stone has

mentioned it in his "Medals, Jetons & Tokens Illustratin of Obstetrics and Gynecology," under the impression, Dr. Wright thinks, that the inscription "Ladies Blush" was an oxytocic or "female regulator," and that Gerkie was in the drug business. You will probably understand the significance of "Ladies Blush" when I quote from the directory of 1866:

"Chas. H. Gerkie, liquors and billiard saloon, importer of Pure Brandies, Cordials, Ladies Blush and Hen Fruit Cobblers, Pure Rye and Bourbon Whiskies, 123 W. Baltimore St."

I thank you for the interest you are taking and the aid you are giving me in the Baltimore pieces. I find there are more of these than I thought.

I enclose stamps for postage on the Journals sent.

Very truly yours

F. G. Duffield

1811 Mosher St.

# Baltimore Cards

"Houcks Panacea Baltimore"
C.S. on Dollar. The only one
I know of. Ou Half Dols.
they are more numerous.

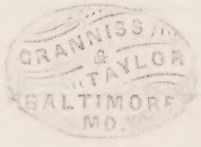
# Brass. Plain reverse. Resembles your J R. Waller piece.

# Brass. Rev. same as obv.

# Brass

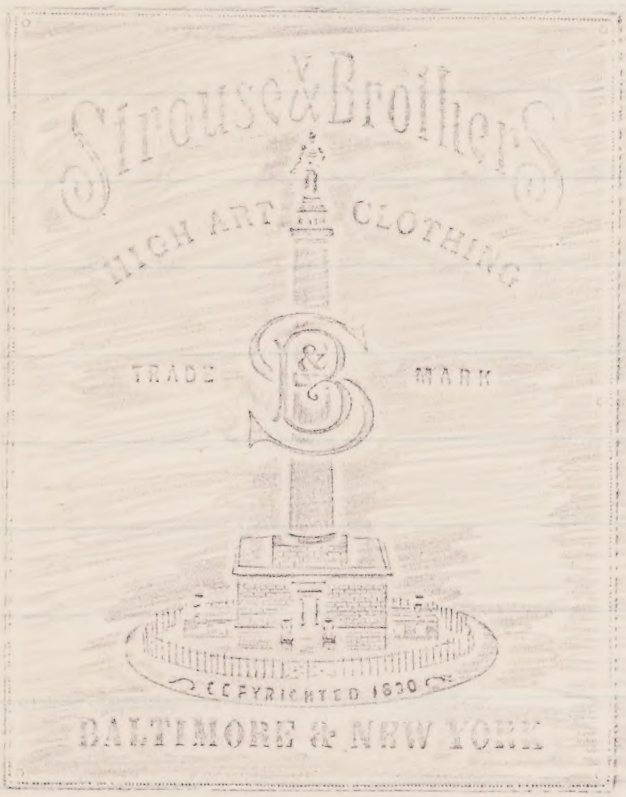
# Brass.

# Nickel. An unusual value of these pieces.



# I belieir very rare.
Brass

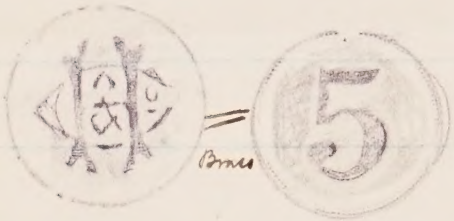
# Copper.




Aluminum. Rev. plain. An unusual size and shape, but do not know whether it was used as a card.

Brass

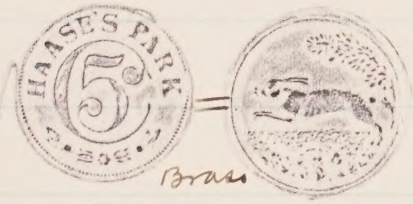
Brass




Brass

Here are a few which I am not able to place. You probably have all of them Most of them I think belong to Cincinnati.

Rev plain
W. M.




Brass

Rev ~~s~~ incuse

Brass silver plated
This I belive belongs here and think I will be able to trace it.

Nickel

Rev same
~~Br~~ Copper

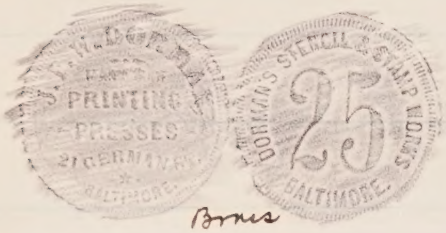
Rev same
Copper

Rev same
copper

Brass

Brass

A very rare card




Brass

A companion piece for yours with 10 Reverse

Rubber

Brass

Some Reverse as yours
Wood + Brady

Brass

H. M.

Brass

Brass